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22 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Members of the Psychological Strategy Board

The Honorable David K. Bruce,
Under Secretary of State
The Honorable William C. Foster,
Deputy Secretary of Defense
General Walter Bedell Smith,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Chairman.

FROM: The 10/5 Panel

VIA: The Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: Interim Approval of the "Packet" (submitted to the Psychological Strategy Board by the Director of Central Intelligence under date of March 12, 1952)

1. On May 8, 1952, [] as chairman of the 10/5 Panel, presented to the Board a briefing on some NSC 10/5 problems. He pointed out that a study of the "Packet" convinced the members of the Panel that many of the "Magnitude"-type issues still demanded clarification and that serious Board consideration was essential. He added, however, that the Panel was of the opinion that Board consideration of such issues need not delay its approval in principle, of much, perhaps all, of the "Packet". The Panel has given further consideration to the advisability of interim approval of the "Packet" and now is submitting to the Board its conclusions and recommendations for such an approval.

2. The Panel recommends that, if the members of the Board agree with the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel, they adopt them by signing the last page of this memorandum.

3. CONCLUSIONS

a. The "Packet" shows that CIA/OPC is principally engaged in developing a world-wide covert apparatus, including the establishment of facilities and the recruitment and training of personnel.

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b. The development of a world-wide covert apparatus is an obvious prerequisite to the successful execution of NSC 10/2 and 10/5 missions.

c. CIA/OPC can reasonably continue this development without losing operating flexibility.

d. However, many of the "Magnitude"-type issues still demand clarification.

e. And, in any event, the "Packet" must be subject to continuous review as national policy evolves and "Magnitude"-type issues are resolved.

f. Furthermore, to determine, as required by NSC 10/5, the "desirability" and "feasibility" of individual programs and major projects presented to the PSB by DCI in the "Packet" will require a comprehensive study by the Panel which cannot properly be completed in less than 90 days.

g. Nevertheless, preliminary study of the "Packet" to date by the 10/5 Panel indicates that the programs and projects described in it are generally responsive to the wishes of the NSC, particularly as set forth in NSC 10/5.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Without prejudice to any strategic guidance which may later be given; without prejudice to continuing review as major issues are resolved; and without prejudice to further analysis of the "Packet", (including detailed feasibility and analysis tests of the (yearly) logistic requirements called for in support of the "Packet"), possibly resulting in recommended changes in specific programs or projects: the Panel recommends that the PSB approve the "Packet".

b. The Panel further recommends (subject to the conditions set out in 4.a. above), (1) that each member of the PSB confirm the support now being given by his Department or Agency to the programs and projects described in the "Packet"; and (2) that the PSB approve, in principle, whatever further support is being requested by CIA/OPC in connection with the "Packet" and which the appropriate Department or Agency is willing and able to provide.

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The above conclusions and recommendations of the 10/5 Panel are adopted by the members of the Psychological Strategy Board this _____ day of May, 1952.

Under Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of Defense

Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman

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